

DRAFT MINUTES OF BANNOCKBURN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON THURSDAY 2nd OCTOBER 2008

Present:

Kirk McInnes
Danny McPhail
Willie McEwan
Steve Traynor
Ian Dawson
Linda Masterson
Councillor Margaret Brisley
Councillor Gerard O'Brien
Councillor Alasdair MacPherson
Wilma Comrie, Stirling Council
Graham from Hillpark Community Council
Colin from Hillpark Community Council
P C Hatrick, Central Scotland Police

Apologies:

Terry Barlow

Kirk opened the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Police Report:

P C Ramage presented the month's report – this is available at
http://www.centuralscotland.police.uk/localpolicing/stirling_stirling_bannockburn_php

P C Ramage was thanked for his attendance and for presenting his report.

Going Carbon Neutral Stirling:

Rachel Nunn explained to the Community Council what the aims of Going Carbon Neutral Stirling are. They are working with Stirling Council, the NHS and the retail sector, looking at all aspects of carbon reduction. Aim is to produce a blue-print which can then be used elsewhere. Rachel asked for help from the Community Council in being put in touch with representatives of local groups that she and her team can speak to.

Suggested:

- Rachel could put an article in the next issue of the Bannockburn News
- Eastside News could also be approached
- An Open Evening might be held.

Kirk thanked Rachel for her attendance at tonight's meeting.

Engaging the Community Day:

Lesley Malkin brought the meeting up-to-date with plans for the Engaging the Community event to be held on Friday 17th October from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturday 18th October from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- Bannockburn Primary School has been booked
- Council staff will man the event
- Crèche has been booked
- Housing Services will provide a mini-bus to the events from Hillpark, with a couple of stops en route
- Play Services, during school holidays, will be organising activities for school-children to find out what they like, what they don't like – results of photographs and drawings will form a display
- Playbus has been booked
- Council will provide refreshments – Community Council will serve teas/coffees
- Raffle prizes welcome
- Stirling Family History Centre having a stall
- Bannockburn's past and present and what residents would like the future to hold
- Lesley will take draft flyer to the Community Trust – hopefully they can be delivered soon thereafter
- See if event can be broadcast on Central FM
- Posters being done

Minutes of last meeting:

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Steve and seconded by Danny.

Business arising:

Forum Report – Regarding the new Acute Hospital, Councillor O'Brien said that this is in the hands of the planners. It would appear that there has been no discussion of a £5M bond – this may have been discussed outwith a meeting, but not at a meeting. However, Councillor O'Brien said that he has an e-mail confirming the existence of this bond. Investigation will continue. MSPs will not attend the next meeting of the Forum as they consider the matter to be a local issue. Agreed that the Community Council can do no more at present. The Forum will take this matter forward.

Major Growth Area (Durieshill) – Councillor Brisley reported that the Council had elected a Steering Group.

Bannockburn Cemetery – larger bins are being installed.

Workers' Memorial

Suggestions - 9 feet x 3 feet; light in colour; granite; slabs on path leading to memorial could have individual trades on them. Further discussion on the possibility of young people designing the slabs; also further discussion to be held on the wording to go on the memorial and the possibility of having a

“story-board” behind the memorial. Perhaps there could be an area at the Engaging the Community events to let people express their views.

Treasurer’s Report:

Balance £1,300.77. Telephone bill is due, expected to be approx. £90.00. Linda will complete and send off the application form for the Community Pride funding. Landfill Trust are meeting on 29th October and Steve has applied for £1,480.00 for two wrought iron benches.

Councillor’s Report:

Councillor Brisley presented her report to the meeting. This will be posted on the website.

Trust Report:

- Going ahead with the Hillpark and Bannockburn communities notice board. Trust will provide the funding for the board to be put up.
- Trust will discuss options at the bridge.
- Slight problem concerning the wind turbines at the school, as progress has stopped. Councillor Brisley offered to seek clarification.

Correspondence:

- Planning application for wind farm near Touch has been approved.
- Helen Geddes – reminder about the Community Pride fund (dealt with earlier in the meeting).
- Letter from Association of Scottish Community Councils looking for an area representative from the Stirling Area. This will be passed to Terry.

Any other competent business:

- Councillor Brisley apologised, in advance, for not being able to attend the Engaging the Community events.
- Steve expressed an interest in viewing the report which was done on the Quakerfield area. Councillor Brisley said that she would endeavour to obtain a copy.
- Linda has spoken to the Minister and there is a tree outside the Church which can be decorated in the run-up to Christmas. An external electric box will be required, as well as lights.
- Winter planting for the Cenotaph area should be considered.
- Surgery at Mayfield Centre is to be closed. Original plan for 6 surgeries to move to Orchard House is not going ahead – 2 are going there, 2 will be rotating at Stirling Royal, Wallace Park has opted to stay where it is. Kildean and Bannockburn Hospitals will be closing and being relocated in Stirling Royal Infirmary. Maternity Unit moving to Falkirk.
- Meeting had been held over 2 days at the King Robert Hotel to discuss the options for the Chartershall Bridge – complete new bridge? bridge for pedestrians and horses? new bridge, but smaller than a road bridge?

- Ian pointed out that on the approach to Chartershall a large BT phone pole had been removed and replaced. Chartershall sign can no longer be seen.

Date of next meeting:

Thursday 6th November 2008 at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre.